

**MARYLAND SWIMMING, INC.**  
**HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**  
**June 16, 2008**  
**DRAFT**

**I. General Items**

A. Roll Call: Was completed by having each team sign in prior to the start of the meeting. Based on the sign in sheets, a quorum was present at the start of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Murray Stephens.

Teams present: ASC, BAAC, BCSC, BJSC, CAA, CATS, CBAC, EST, GBSA, GTAC, HARY, HUHU, LBA, MAC, MAS, MPSC, MSC, NAAC, NBAC, RAC, RAID, SPY, and TAC.

B. Adoption of Minutes: The draft minutes from the June 16, 2007 HOD meeting were circulated and discussed.

***Motion: To accept and approve the draft minutes from June 16, 2007 House of Delegates Meeting.***

**(PASSED)**

**II. Reports:**

A. A report on the 2008 Eastern Zone Meeting was presented. The number of Maryland coaches was increased to 15 for the Long course Zones in August 2008.

B. Murray Stephens reminded everyone that background check renewals will be due in October 2008.

C. Murray Stephens reported that there would be a special meeting, probably in September 2008, with Y Coaches to work out to charge for Y swimmers at Y meets.

D. There was a brief discussion of Open Water meets, Chuck Jacobs asked to have the open water splash fee reviewed during the next year. It was suggested that open water meets be excluded from the normal meet procedures because of the significant differences between the types of meets. The exclusion could be added to Section 1.F of the existing Meet Procedures.

E. The draft MSI Meet Procedures document was discussed. There following changes were recommended:

1. Provide an exclusion for Open Water Meets in Section 1.F.;

2. Increase the entry fee from a maximum of \$5.00 to a maximum of \$7.50 in Section II.C.; and

3. Add a provision to Section II.D. that would require the Technical Planning Chair to provide to the requesting team a sanction number within 21 days after receiving a sanction request.

**Motion: To approve the proposed changes to Sections I.F., II.C., and II.D. of MSI's Meet Procedures.**

**(PASSED)**

F. There was a general discussion concerning the timing of submitting meet notices.

**Motion: To require, beginning in 2009, that each team hosting a Maryland sanctioned meet submit a draft meet notice to the technical chair no later than the HOD Meeting for that year.**

**(PASSED)**

G. A draft Travel Fund Policy for Teams Representing Maryland Swimming was circulated and discussed.

**Motion: To approve the Travel Fund policy as presented and add it to the Rules and Regulations as a new Article 11, Section 11.1.6.**

**(PASSED)**

H. A draft Maryland Swimming Honor Code was circulated and discussed. The discussion recognized that the Paragraph 4 blanket prohibition against allowing female and male athletes to be in the same room would be too stringent as drafted. It was recommended that Paragraph 4 of the Maryland Swimming Honor Code be amended to read as follows:

To ensure the propriety of the athletes and to protect the staff, there will be no male athletes in female athlete's rooms, and no female athletes in male athlete's rooms *unless such athletes are under the supervision of their parents or approved chaperones.* (amendment in italics).

**Motion: To approve the Maryland Swimming Honor Code as amended and add it to the Rules and Regulations as a new Article 11, Section 11.1.7.**

**(PASSED)**

I. There was a discussion of the MSI Mission Statement. The following proposed new Mission Statement was submitted and recommended for approval:

Maryland Swimming, as the local organizing committee of United States Swimming, plans and conducts swimming activities in which athletes strive to reach their full potential in the sport of competitive swimming.

***Motion: To approve the new Mission Statement as presented.***

**(PASSED)**

J. Jamie Cahn presented the proposed budget for 2008-09 which was discussed at length. It was determined that the Board should develop a financial policy through the finance committee. A announcement concerning that action will be placed on the web site.

***Motion: To add \$7500 to the proposed budget for Long Course Zone Team Clothing for the athletes.***

**(PASSED)**

***Motion: To approve the proposed budget as amended.***

**(PASSED)**

K. Scott Ward reported that he would be holding a fall meeting with the Athlete Reps to discuss how to improve communication with the athletes and obtain athlete input on matters of interest.

L. Brendan McElroy reported that the deadline to qualify for the LC Zone Meet is July 21. He also reported that he was considering a process by which a Zone Team coach would be selected through submitting applications. He also said that he wanted to get better feedback so that we can work toward increasing team spirit and team cohesion.

M. Lori James provided a written report on awards for the year.

N. It was reported that there were no actions before the Board of Review for the previous year.

O. Chuck Jacobs reported there would be an open water swim hosted by NAAC on September 13. He encouraged all teams to support the meet.

P. Brendan McElroy reported that the Maryland Team won the Black Heritage Meet in Orlando for the third consecutive year. He also reported that 95% of the Maryland swimmers had best times at the meet.

Q. Don Smith reported that equipment rental revenue was up for the year and that all our equipment is in good shape. We have enough equipment to run 2 concurrent meets.

R. Rahim Booth reported on a proposed Outreach Camp for the summer of 2008. The camp would be focused on the 7 – 14 age group and be used to teach campers how to swim.

S. Pat Kaplan reported that there are 5 new club applications in the works and we should see at least one new club for this year.

T. Annette Stand reported that there were 29 injury reports submitted during the year. She reminded us to be sure she gets copies of all injury reports submitted to US Swimming. She also said that a “no reportable events confirmation” is required for all meets.

U. The 2008 – 09 Meet Schedule was submitted and discussed. One issue related to the meet scheduled for the November 14-16, 2008 weekend. Some questions were raised concerning the bidding process for that meet. After a discussion of those issues, motions was submitted.

***Motion: To extend the bid submission process for 1 week to allow for additional bids for the November 14-16, 2008 weekend.***

**(DEFEATED)**

***Motion: To Accept the NBAC bid to host the November 14-16, 2008 meet.***

**(PASSED)**

There was also discussion concerning the expected number of swimmers for the April 18, 2009 meet. The general consensus was that the meet should be split into two meets for that weekend to avoid closing out any

swimmers. The Technical Chair will work to identify a good split for that meet and submit his proposal to the Board.

***Motion: To Approve the 2008-09 Meet Schedule except for the April 18, 2009 meet which will be split into two based on further input from the Technical Chair as presented to the Board..***

**(PASSED)**

V. Liz Brabson submitted a written report on Times and records and stated that 2007-08 was a good year and 2008-09 would be a better year.

W. Chris Kaplan provided a report and preview of the new MSI website.

X. The Nominating Committee presented a proposed slate of Officers to fill the vacated positions of two officers. The slate included: Tom Himes as General Chair and Tim Pierce as Administrative Vice Chair. There were no nominations from the floor. The terms for the new officers are to be effective June 17, 2008.

***Motion: To approve the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee.***

**(PASSED)**

Y. Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, the assembled delegates thanked Murray Stephens for his long and valuable assistance to MSI and gave him a standing ovation.

Z. There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned on motion.